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1. The most important national corporation manufacturing electrical equipment in Czechoslovakia is undoubtedly Tesla. Tesla is of extreme importance also to the armament program, since this is the only plant manufacturing telecommunication equipment. Some of Tesla's ships are very closely guarded.
2. The heart of the Tesla combine is the former Dutch-owned corporation, Philips, which has its main headquarters in Eindhoven, Netherlands. During World War II the Germans expanded the main plant in Prague-Hloubetin and manufactured submarine and airplane communications equipment 24 hours a day in three shifts. [redacted] because of the extreme expansion, the Tesla combine was divided into two independent corporations, Tesla and Tesla-Electronic. [redacted]
3. In addition to the former Philips Company, the Tesla combine included also former German Telefunken plants. Main Tesla plants are located in Prague-Hloubetin, Prague-Vysocany, Pardubice and Pralouc (the last one is under military administration). All the plants known to me have together approximately 3-4,000 employees. The general administration

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of Tesla-Electronic is located in Prague II, Karlove Namesti 4 or 6, and the building is heavily guarded. Detailed production and output of Tesla combine is unknown

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4. At some later date several smaller plants belonging originally to Osram and Tungsram Electric companies also entered the Tesla combine. Tesla combine employs many female workers. Recently two technicians of Tesla combine were awarded "National Reward", the Czechoslovak equivalent of the Stalin Prize.

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7. In 1949, Kovo, the Czechoslovak national export enterprise took over all foreign trade outlets of the Skoda Works and the Czechoslovak Metal and Engineering Works and their branches abroad.

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The working relationship between Kovo and Tesla is the same as between other foreign trade companies and production enterprises. This means that their operations are completely separated. In the same way the Elektra national corporation, selling Tesla products on the domestic markets, is completely separated from Tesla's national production enterprise.

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one large plant was recently built in Roznov pod Radhostem in Moravia, and another one in Valasske Mezerici district.

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